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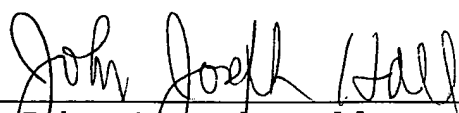
A reconsideration is requested of the Office Action of December 3, 2004, in view of the amendments to Claims 1 and 4, the amendment to the specification, the replacement drawings accompanying these Remarks, and these Remarks.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

The accompanying amended replacement drawing, sheet 1, has amended Figure 3C to replace reference character 54 by reference character 53 as to the center hole element, thereby avoiding a dual numbering of the center hole element with the threaded rod element. This amended replacement drawing includes all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet. This amended replacement drawing has also added the term Prior Art to Figures 1 and 2 and 3c of sheet 1. Figures 3a and 3b have been designated as Prior Art in the original sheet 2 of the drawings so no amendment is needed in this regard. However, a replacement drawing of sheet 2 is provided with this response for the Examiner's convenience.

The specification has been amended to correct the reference character 54 by changing center hole 54 to center hole 53 at page 4, line 18 of the specification.

Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance of all claims and such action is respectfully requested.



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